

**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:	)	
Buzbee, et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 7438
Serial No.: 09/030,500	)	Art Unit: 2755
Filed: February 25, 1998	)	Examiner: Bullock, Jr.
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SHARING	)	HP Docket No. 10971491-3
OVERFLOW/UNDERFLOW COMPARE	)	
HARDWARE IN A FLOATING-POINT	)	
MULTIPLY ACCUMULATE (FMAC) OR	)	
FLOATING-POINT ADDER (FADD) UNIT	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks to be respectively entered and considered prior to examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company L.P. Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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